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“You have been a refuge for the poor, a refuge for the needy in his distress, a shelter from the storm and a shade from the heat” (Isaiah 25:4 NIV).

Dearest Family and Friends,

What a great responsibility and task you have as you care for Katrina's needy in their distress! What a great responsibility and privilege you and I have here at the Rafiki Village Ghana to be a refuge for the poor, a refuge for the needy in their distress: the children of Ghana. Can you believe I have learned to provide meals and laundry services to our fifty-five children and Rafiki Mothers? (Actually I mostly supervise.) Can you believe a nurse can lead weekly chapel and teach English? God has stretched and enabled me mightily. Thank you for supporting me. So many lessons I have learned! A sample of this past week's lessons:

#1 On the way to shopping in Accra, my four-wheel drive car and I were stuck in mud and water up to the front axle. I had not manually locked the front wheels so I could not use the four-wheel drive. A taxi driver borrowed a heavy chain and begged a sand truck to hook up and pull me out. It only took an hour of time. *(Lesson: Drive through the middle of the road and the storm water, not on the side of it.)*



#2 During Wednesday's chapel, I told about Noah walking and talking with God and learning how to build the ark, a shelter from the coming storm. I encouraged the Rafiki Mothers and children to walk together because they might talk, learn, and have fun. *(Lesson: With whom have I asked to walk and talk? I have only taken a few walks since I have been here.)*

#3 A two-minute walk from our Rafiki gate is a chicken/egg farm that provides eggs in abundance for people in Accra. Weekly our cooks ask them to deliver four crates of eggs to us. They say "Yes" but never do it. *(Lesson: Question: Is it better to say "Yes" and not do it, or say "No" and do it?)*

#4 This week three different sellers came to the Rafiki gate with a variety of tomatoes, okra, garden eggs, maize, and beans. Both the sellers and I wanted the best price, so we bargained at length. *(Lesson: Stand in the shade from the heat while I bargain.)*

#5 Abigail, a student in my English class at the girls' center was reading John 9:24, ". . . **they (the Pharisees) summoned the man who had been blind.**" All the girls started giggling. "Madame Nancy, what does 'summoned' mean? It sounds like a fish we eat: salmon!" Then more giggles. *(Lesson: Maintain a straight face and disciplined classroom despite the strong desire to giggle with them. In Ghanaian English the two words do sound alike.)*



Thanking God for:

- Continued health, strength, and stamina
- Repair of our machine and the ability to wash clothes nine hours a day!
- YOU and your generous hand in support of Rafiki and me.
- MiniMissionaries who worked hard and encouraged us.

Asking God to:

- Move the government to approve our Rafiki medical clinic (quarterly clinics have been on hold for over a year).
- Provide twenty children for our two new Rafiki Mothers!
- Provide wisdom, health, and strength for me while I substitute for the RCC director and teach at the girls' center in January while ROS are on furlough.
- Provide more food sellers at the Rafiki gate who will give us good prices.

I send a monthly prayer letter. If you would like to receive it, please e-mail me and I will add your name.

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Your hands here helping the needy,



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